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CGHS FACILITY TO JOURNALISTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount charged from the accredited journalists for obtaining Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) facilities has been increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of journalists accredited by Press Information Bureau, who are being provided this facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The accredited journalists have been provided CGHS facilities at par with the holder of "General Public" card. Facilities in respect of autonomous bodies and journalists holding 'General Public' card are being provided on cost to cost basis. The accredited journalists have so far been contributing an ad-hoc amount of Rs.50/- per month.The Cost and Accounts Branch of the Department of Expenditure, in its report, have worked out the following as the cost of providing CGHS facilities under the "General Public Scheme.":

Year	Rate/Year (in Rs.)
2001-02	850
2002-03	890
2003-04	970
2004-05	1067

(c) At present,38 accredited journalists have got their CGHS cards renewed after payment of subscription on cost-to-cost basis.